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Sir:

This petition is in response to the "Notice of Abandonment" (failure to respond to an official action dated April 22, 2003) dated January 5, 2004, with respect to the above-identified patent application. Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a), the applicants hereby request withdrawal of the holding of abandonment. The applicants submit that the application is not abandoned.

Enclosed (as Appendix A) is a copy of the applicants' response (including a petition for an extension of time to file in the second month and requisite fee, all dated September 22, 2003) to the official action dated April 22, 2003. As proof that the applicants' response was properly filed with the Office, enclosed (as Appendix B) is a copy of a receipt stamped by the OIPE indicating that said response was filed on September 22, 2003.

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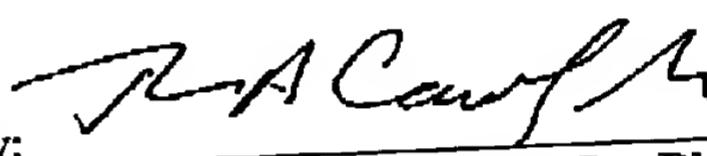
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In view of the foregoing, the applicants submit that the present application is not abandoned. Therefore, the applicants request that the holding of abandonment be immediately withdrawn.

The applicants submit that although no fee is due for consideration of the present application in that the application is not abandoned and the petition has been presented under 37 C.F.R. §1.181(a), should the Patent Office determine that a fee is due for presentation of this request, the Patent Office is authorized to charge said fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3975, under Order No. 021123-0273989.

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